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Cover Photo

This is our Hallowe'en cover, although you wouldn't think so at first glance. Let's have a guessing contest. Where do you think this smiling fellow lives? You missed—his home is Thailand, better known to some as Siam. And what's in the crates? You're right: powdered milk for Thailand's children. The letters UNICEF? That's the organization that has made the United Nations a living reality to millions of children throughout the world, for UNICEF has given out milk, school lunches, shoes, clothing, anti-T.B. vaccine. The letters stand for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

And what does all this have to do with Hallowe'en? UNICEF is the channel through which many American youth have let their concern for others (such as our Thailand fellow) take the place of old-fashioned vandalism. The old *trick or treat* Hallowe'en celebration in some towns tonight will result in a cup of milk every day for a week for several thousand hungry children and a new feeling of unity in the towns themselves. In 1952 some 500 towns tried the UNICEF trick or treat way and collected over $32,000 for the fund. Youth went door to door as always, but gave everything they collected to UNICEF. It's a Hallowe'en with concern!

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ders flock to perance convocation

ve years ago it would have been ssible. But week-before-last more 500 hand picked men and women every corner of U. S. Metho- were meeting in Washington to aul the church's program in the of temperance and to have a look me new materials and new ideas Temperance Board staff members whipped up for their use.

nce the 1952 legislation of Metho- 's General Conference, the Board emperance has been quietly build- a nation-wide organization made ble by that San Farncisco meet- Conference Boards of Temperance been strengthened and in every ict a new job has been created, of district secretary of temper- . When experienced hands were not able, the national board asked ops and district superintendents to e "the most promising young pas- available" to the district post. Rea- for the build-up: to develop a ram of alcohol education and ac- that would become a vital part of y local church and every com- ity.

Meet In Washington

n October 14-16 the Board was y to show its hand. And it was an ressive one. District secretaries and erence board chairmen flocked to hington 500 strong for the first ing conference and Citizenship vocation of its kind ever to be held. e key leaders from Methodism's ral boards and agencies were on l too. Even the Washington papers, ted at the heart of the world's rest news making center where ing surprises anybody, were jolted of a few headlines at the crowd swarmed over Mt. Vernon Place hodist church to hear board reports to take them apart in small dis- ion groups where no holds were red.

n the night of the 15th, when more n 2,000 local citizens from the dis- and its surrounding states flocked Constitution Hall for a mass Con- ation, the eyebrows and headlines t up even higher. Dr. Deets Pick- who was introduced to the Con- ution Hall crowd and given special

District of Columbia Commissioner Renah Camalier shook hands with Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam as he introduced him for the key address at Constitution Hall 15 October. The mass meeting brought more than 2,000 interested citizens together as a part of the nation-wide Citizenship conference sponsored by the church's Board of Temperance.

recognition for 40 years of service in the field of alcohol education, said later that it was the most "electric" meeting he'd attended in the history of the cause. Commissioner of the District of Columbia Renah Camalier, presiding officer, introduced Pickett and read a letter commending his work from Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, a life long friend.

Dr. Pickett is editoral and research secretary of the Board of Temperance.

Although Senator John Sparkman of Alabama, who was billed for a speech at the mass meeting (16 October CONCERN) had to cancel at the last minute, the program was lauded by delegates over their Friday morning coffee cups, as an "outstanding experience." Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam,

who seldom lets an audience down, was the key speaker and as a last minute switch the Board made a good guess on a young *Washington Post* reporter named Joseph Paull who shared the bill with Oxnam and delivered an eye opening analysis of the way in which beverage alcohol had saturated Washington's crime circles. His talk was based on a series of *Post* articles he had just finished on the "Shame of our City," exposing Washington's underworld. As an interesting sequal to the Convocation, a rival paper announced the next morning that *Post* reporter Paull would take on a newly created $10,000 a year job as administrative assistant to Chief Judge Bolitha J. Laws of the U. S. District Court, who is considered one of the country's top legal minds. The Convocation also featured massed choirs from Washington's Methodist churches and a complete symphony orchestra from Foundry Methodist church in the district.

Women Attend Too

One important aspect of the Briefing Conference and Convocation was that the women of the church were there. Representatives of the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and key women from the church's jurisdictions had met for two days preceeding the Briefing Conference to formulate plans for making their current, nation-wide study on alcohol and Christian responsibility more effective. Out of that meeting and their sharing in the Convocation came definite suggestions for tying the temperance work of the Women's Societies more closely with that of boards of temperance on all levels of church operation from national to local church.

Briefing conference delegates gave the Board staff plenty to think about and to do. Planning sessions developed a series of proceedures to implement the observance of Commitment Day in every local church (6 December, see page 10) and to increase the effectiveness of education and legislative action on the local and state levels. Hardly a phase of the board's four point program went untouched as the delegates told each other and the staff what worked and what wouldn't work in their own areas of the country.

Joseph Paull, 34 year old *Washington Post* reporter was a feature speaker at the Citizenship Convocation in Washington. His discussion of the influences beverage alcohol had on the crime situation in Washington was based on a series of articles just completed for the *Post* on "The Shame Of of Our City."

Plans were formulated as suggestions to local communities for "Making Christmas More Christian" and delegates took a close look at the possibility of devoloping an all church study in the field of alcohol which would include men's clubs, women's groups and the MYF.

The meeting closed on Friday noon but Board members stayed over for an afternoon session in the paneled office of Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, board executive secretary. (Charles Boyles NCMY member from Mississippi, represented Methodist youth in the Board meeting.) Taking stock of the conference, the Board had nothing but praise for Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, executive secretary of the General Board of Temperance, and his staff. General concensus seemed to be that if followed up properly it might serve to kick off a new growth of concern among Methodists at least, in the whole area of alcohol problems.

ps toward God

prominent Washington
er, Wilbur La Roe, Jr., is so
inced that the church is the
important influence in one's
that he has written a book to
other lay people to more ac-
church work. His book is call-
The Church We Love and was
ished October 12 by Abing-
Cokesbury Press. (See back
r October 16 CONCERN.)

me of his most interesting
arks concern youth. Contrary
he judgment of many adults,
says, "I have studied the
ng people of today at close
ge, and I have every confi-
ce in them. Those pessimists
feel that the young people
this generation are inferior
ally or otherwise to the young
ple of earlier generations
w not whereof they speak.
boys and girls of today are,
the whole, alert, intelligent,
eager for truth in spiritual
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d at their age."

or the sincere young person
is earnestly seeking to find
l, Mr. La Roe lists eight steps
elp along the way.

- Make up your mind to strive
estly and earnestly for re-
ous truth. An honestly open
nd is a prerequisite.
- Use your intellect to dis-
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l in nature, in the lives of
d men, in the Bible, within
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- Study to learn what men
l the laws of God, and apply
rself diligently to the study
Jesus Christ and his gsopel.
- As the principles and the
s of God are unfolded to you,
your will power to apply them
your own life.
- Think about your own na-
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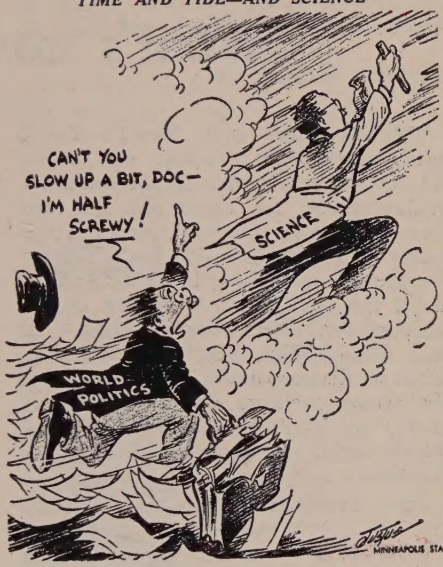
TIME AND TIDE—AND SCIENCE



pulse toward sin, and ask yourself honestly whether your life does not need to be redeemed.

- Study to learn the saving power of Jesus Christ through God's grace, and try to understand what it means to be "a new person" in Jesus Christ.
- Remember, there is no ready-made device for finding God. You must surround yourself with Christian friends, read the Bible and other good literature, and associate yourself with the church. Don't hunt for God in the sky. Search for him in the hearts of good people, and learn to feel him in life's experience.
- Pray hard that you may live up to your highest and best and that God through his love and grace will lead you to Jesus Christ . . .

Mr. La Roe is a former moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., one of the few laymen ever to hold the position.

Source of concern

'What's come over . . . ?'

"What's come over Paul?" You'd have queried, had you been one of his old schoolmates under Rabbi Gamaliel in Jerusalem. You could still see him there at school—his burning eyes, his massive knowledge of the Hebrew Scriptures, his exquisite intensity about the law. But now—listen to the man preach! He actually *believes* in this Jesus. Why, his very voice has taken on deeper timbre. His face glows. He seems mellow, warm-hearted, at ease, *free!* You'd be shaking your head wonderingly, muttering, ". . . a different man . . ."

Paul overhearing you, might have smiled a little at the corners of his mouth . . . "No credit to me!" he'd exclaim. "Christ lives in me." Something had come *over* Paul—God's will and love, above his self. "Christ above (over) all (me)?"

Concern Feature

We've been listening to some youth, emphasizing God. Bill Bigham back from work-camping in Europe, telling of God's mighty work among stricken peoples, of the valiant, courageous friends they met who are living in abject poverty yet experiencing a wealth of spiritual resources. Somehow Bill and the others seemed to have left themselves behind over there somewhere. You had to pull out of them what *they* did . . .

Arms are made, observed a youth, not for self-back-patting, but for up-reaching and others-reaching (like a cross). Barbara Eskew, on the brink of a big new task, saying, "Without His help and Spirit my work is incomplete and nothing . . . And there are too many kids wanting answers, seeking for something—God being my Helper, I hope I can introduce them to Christ as the Answer and the "something" they are looking for . . ." And in the Installation: "For if anything be hid, let it not be the gospel; but let it be ourselves for the gospel's sake!" (Phil. 1:3-6; Romans 8:28)

Enthusiastically having their own youth emphasis week-end workshop, get it, (*local church*), Haygood Memorial Church, Atlanta, youth with Mrs. Newell, were coming to grips with the problem of how to make their belief clear to school friends and others: how *talk about* these things without getting that "mmmm what-am-I-doing?" feeling? When somebody asks where you're going, instead of mumbling under your breath, "church," you ring it out: "CHURCH!" (Reminds of Judges: "The Spirit of the Lord clothed himself with Gideon . . . and he *blew a trumpet.*"

Miss Bowman

John Wesley's class meetings asked not "What have you done?" but "What has the Lord done for Thee since last we met?" The Haygood youth began sharing about some enriching, unforgettable experiences . . . times when meanings came clear in new ways. Ask that in any group—the variety of responses is amazing (yes, the story of Amazing Grace . . . still at work among us). What about *your* experiences, lately? Write us at CONCERN, and let's draw our chairs into a circle of sharing in this column. Ed Needham from New York Workcamp, pondering, puzzling through a summer . . . then on the last night when for hours the members shared, "my own philosophy of life began to come more clear." Read (THE CHRISTIAN READER, Stuber) about Augustine's luminous experience, Luther's (strangely, both were reading Romans), Wesley's at Aldersgate Street (the reading was from Luther's preface to Romans). Fire kindled (it takes fire to warm hearts). These and

s then went out to witness to the ty God . . . as Stephen Spender . "Who wore at their hearts the centre . . ."

Edward Burne-Jones, artist of ast century, exalting in his call- vrote: "That was an awful word uskin's that artists paint God he world. There's a lump for greasy pigment at the end of Michelangelo's a bog-bristle brush, and by the time it has been laid on the stucco, there is something that all men with eyes recognize as Divine. Think what it means: it is *the power of bringing God into the world—making God manifest.*"

—BY CLARICE BOWMAN

nat's doing

'My Week'

traveling around the country I ently run into newspaper column led 'My Day.' It has always piqued nterest a bit to write a column that—letting the young people of Methodist Church know what hap- in the average "routine" of the h Department office. Of course, not married to a president—but the father of a president! Mickey, 9 years, is the president of the odmont Monsters," so I guess I ify for writing a column as a r of a famous man!

ell here goes, anyway . . .

rode the train for 24 hours, arriv- in the City of Brotherly Love on autiful morning, and hurried to the e of the book editor for the Christ- Education Press to negotiate with on the possibilities of printing a ial fifty thousand edition of a book Christian faith for youth to be used connection with the Lenten em- is on faith in 1954.

hile in Philadelphia looked in on National Recreation Congress in ion at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. s is an important group that brings ther recreation leaders from many erent agencies in the United States liscuss recreation.

ode a fast train into New York , arriving in time for lunch. pped into see a Mr. Heckleman who the editor of a popular reprint ary which is sold on the newstands oss America. I congratulated him providing the youth of America n Evelyn Millis Duvall's book *Facts Life and Love for Teenagers.* This mendously important book, originally published by the YMCA Press in 1950 for $3.00, is now being sold in a reprint edition at 25 cents. *Facts of Life and Love for Teenagers* is a strong Christian answer to the Kinsey report and should be read by Christian youth who are interested getting a Christian interpretation of this important aspect of life. During our conversation I talked with Mr. Heckleman about the possibility of reprinting a book in the area of Christian faith for sale on newstands to young people. My nomination for this reprint would be "I Believe" by Nevin Harner . . .

Ewing

Called Bishop John Wesley Lord in Boston to discuss with him plans for a meeting of the Youth Emphasis Advisory Committee to be held early this winter. Bishop Lord is leaving this weekend for a ten weeks' trip through Africa. He is appointing Bishop Voigt of the Dakotas Area to chair the meeting . . . On the train read through 175 pages of mimeographed outlines for study materials for church school and discussion materials for Sunday evening activities in the Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, including intermediate, senior and older youth. Also reviewed outlines for materials to be included in *The Christian Home.* These materials are being prepared for the Curriculm Committee meeting to be

held December 2. This is an important phase of the work in which all who are concerned in Christian education have the opportunity of reviewing outlines before they finally are recommended for the selection of writers and the development into materials that in time are found in the booklets and magazines that come to your church. (It's a little hard on the eyes to read these as the train bobs along the rough tracks!) . . .

Concern Feature

Attended a Boy Scouts of America "Relations Conference" at Schiff Training Reservation outside Mendham, New Jersey. This is a swank training reservation maintained by the Boy Scouts of America for training their professional staff leadership. At this meeting had responsibility as chairman of the Protestant relations committee of the National Council of Churches to meet with Boy Scout brass, along with representatives of Catholic, Jewish, and Mormon churches, representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Kiwanis, Rotary, Lion's Grange, Future Farmers of America, Four-H Club, and representatives of the Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways in which the program of the Boy Scouts of America could be tied in more closely to the ongoing programs of the various groups sponsoring Scouting. The Methodist Church sponsors more troops than any other organization in America, with 8,312 troops, contacting more than 200,000 youth and 75,000 adults . . .

Caught an overnight train for Cleveland, Ohio, to meet with the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home at Berea to discuss a Christian program of child care. This is one of fifty child care institutions under the sponsorship of the Methodist Church and related to the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, giving care to young people in forty-eight states . . .

Well, that's the week! Between times I have worked at the dictaphone, read reviews, written letters, and tried to keep up with the important details of this tremendous movement which is the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Tomorrow I am off to Green Lake, Wisconsin where the Committee on Youth Work o the National Council of Churches wil meet for five days, with representa tives of 31 denominations, to discus ways in which the youth work of ou Christian churches might be strengthened.

In the meantime, the importan work of the MYF goes on in you church. Regardless of all of thes meetings that are held on the nationa level—the important things is what i happening in your church. I wish i were possible for each one of you t sit down and write out a "My Week' for your church and send it along tha we might know what's happening i your MYF. Best of luck!

—BY HAROLD EWIN

It takes all kinds - -

THE BOY . . . at least mothe thought so, and even said so at th drop of a pin. Can't talk . . . let alon listen! Can't read . . . let alone think Only hope is a down-the-hatch washou of inhibitions. Sober: drip who reall drips. A few beers and such: he roll them in the aisles . . . the personalit kid. Only his dates always walk ou on him, he learns the next day. Doesn' bother him for long though, becaus everything's all wrong with the worl anyway.

Facing the 'H-bomb'

atomic war should come—"hydro- bomb" atomic war—Russia will y have the advantage of being able hrow the first punch. A dictator-, the Montgomery *Advertiser* re- ls us in an editorial quoted by the nta *Journal*, is not bound by the i to "declare" war; and it seems to rue that Russia now or soon can ver hydrogen atomic bombs against e of our big cities.

rticles in national magazines are now pointing out that the new A-bomb makes actual some of the first wild predictions about old type. The outmoded horror pon did a pretty good job on Hiro- na, but the new one would do an ally good job on Washington, D.C. or even New York City. In other ds, the core of the city could be ed out completely, with tremendous h, damage, suffering, and disorgan- ion for several additional miles out, every side.

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maller cities could be obliterated.

ow, what conclusions shall we draw n this? . . . Says the *Advertiser*: e fact that an unscrupulous adver- y has the facilities for delivering n a blow makes clear . . . the folly lowering our guard for one mo- nt."

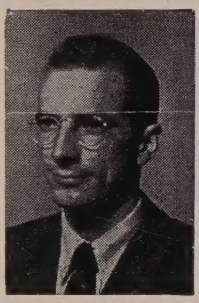
nd what is our "guard?" . . . ility to ward off, so far as possible, to retaliate with devastating ef-, is the best assurance we now have t such an attack will not be made."

The day may come," concedes the rspaper in what might be labeled a ical American opinion, "—the day y come when good will among na- ns will be the only guarantee we d—but that day is not yet here."

et's have a closer look at this situa- . . . What of "ability to ward off, *ar as possible . . .?*" Nothing much re, friends. We can spend 20 billion ars on an elaborate defense system against the bomb, and still not be anything like completely safe from it.

Think of the strain of going through a large-scale dispersal of manufacturing plants, digging of shelters, training of citizens; a long period of regimentation through fear would be needed, to get people to do what is necessary.

Now think of the retalitation "with devastating effect." Agreed, this may cause Russia to hesitate longer that it would otherwise; but it is no real defense, because Russia will not strike us with a hydrogen bomb, anyhow, unless the rulers of the Kremlin become desperate. When people are desperate, fear of retaliation doesn't make much difference.



Nelson

Actually the day has *already* come when "good will among nations may be the only guarantee we will need." As a matter of fact, it is already the only guarantee we can possibly find. The writer would, of course, agree with the *Advertiser* that we have not yet found it.

He would add this question: So long as we depend on this horror weapon's being held over the heads of Russia's millions as the measure of our own "security," just how do we begin to establish "good will among nations?"

—BY CLAUD NELSON, JR.

The next issue of CONCERN is special for Watchnight and includes a service of worship for use on December 31. Order extra copies of the issue at 5 cents each. Reprints of the worship service are available for 2 cents each from Tidings, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5.

Commitment Day set in December

Planning for Commitment Day should be a main November project of Methodist churches, since the 1953 Commitment Day is set for December 6. Purpose of the day is to give special emphasis to the problems confronting society because of the use of alcoholic beverages and to give individual Christians an opportunity to pledge themselves to total abstinence.

The General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church has prepared a large poster with the Commitment Day slogan, "That They Might Live," a brochure, individual commitment cards and family covenant cards.

Churches may order materials from the Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington 2, D. C.

Christian Advocate announces essay contest

In an effort to promote interest in church attendance, the *Christian Advocate* is sponsoring an essay contest beginning tomorrow and closing November 30.

Topic of the essay must be "Why I Go To Church," and the length from 400 to 600 words. The winning essay and several others will be published in a January issue of the *Advocate*. First award is $100, and $10 will be paid for each essay printed. The contest is not open to ministers, but to lay people of all ages, including members of parsonage families.

Judges are Ralph S. Sockman, Albert P. Shirkey, Kenneth Copeland, J. Richard Sneed, and Oscar Thomas Olson.

Paper available on Oxnam hearing

Shortly after Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam appeared before the House Un-American Activities committee (August 7 CONCERN) Methodist Information issued a twelve-page tabloid paper reprinting reactions to the hearing of newspapers across the country. A copy of the paper was mailed to every Methodist pastor.

Supply of the first edition has run out, and Methodist Information has now reprinted a second edition. Up to ten copies are available free. In quantity copies cost $1 a hundred plus postage.

Methodist Information also has available reprints of the five page article which appeared in October 6 issue of *Look* magazine on "What Is a Methodist?" by Ralph S. Sockman. Single copies are free, 50 for $2, and 100 for $3.50 postpaid.

Order from the nearest office of Methodist Information, 740 Rush St. Chicago 11; Box 871, Nashville 2; or 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11.

New board prints church social creed

The church's new Board of Social and Economic Relations has put out its first official publication: reprints of the Social Creed of The Methodist Church. The Creed is an official statement of belief of Methodism's General Conference, and is printed in paragraph 2020 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

Until the new board was created, the Social Creed was reprinted and distributed by the Board of World Peace.

Single copies are free, two to 10 copies at 3 cents each; 100 copies $1.50; 200 to 1,000, $1.30 per hundred in lots of 100; 2,000 copies and over $1.10 per hundred in thousand lots. Write the Board at 740 Rush St. Chicago 11.

Selective Service sets college tests

Last month Selective Service headquarters announced that students who seek draft deferment may take the fourth series of college qualification tests on Thursday, November 19, and Thursday, April 22, 1954.

Academic freedom seen as foundation

Academic freedom is the foundation of a free society, according to a Ohio State education professor in a new Public Affairs pamphlet, "Keeping Our Schools Free." To do their work prop-

n the classroom, teachers must be cted against overwhelming pres- from special and partisan inter-

H. Gordon Hullfish declares that American teacher is accustomed iticism. His daily work is done in pen, not behind a protective cur- . . . The situation changes how- when official investigation turns s 'loyalty' and the test of 'loyalty' upon committee definition."

eeping Our Schools Free" is cer- to stimulate discussion. Order s at 25 cents each from the Pub- ffairs Committee, 22 E. 38th St., York 16.

Story of 20 Million

a report issued this month the c Affairs Committee announced the 199 pamphlets in its series circulated more than 20,000,000 s since 1936. All-time best seller been "The Races of Mankind," a ge booklet highlighting the con- ons of research in social and bi- al sciences on how mankind has oped. It has sold 937,350 copies 1943.

ond most popular pamphlet is d—Your Gift of Life," telling why blood donor system is history's est public movement to assist al services. Some 733,330 copies e pamphlet have been circulated, y by the American Red Cross.

e Public Affairs Committee is a supporting, non-profit organization e 25 cent pamphlets current'y sell rate of a million and a half copies ar. The committee has made pub- ng history in its 19 years of hleteering.

Booklets help on segregation issue

One of the biggest issues before the Supreme Court could well become one of the most explosive issues in a decade, or perhaps bring a quiet and orderly change of policies in many parts of the country.

The issue: segregation in public schools.

Perhaps the best brief summary of the subject, with forecasts of what may follow the decision, is a pamphlet "Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts," published by the Southern Regional Council at 15 cents a copy. A second pamphlet is "A Check List for your Local Schools"—designed to help local people in comparing Negro and white schools.

The booklets are very helpful. Order them from the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta 3, Ga.

Mission stories-- and a call to work

Christian outreach chairmen especially will be interested in two new and sharp pamphlets. Interesting stories of the life and work of the church around the world are told in "A Wide Door for Effective Service," a new Woman's Division of Christian Service booklet issued last month, 35 cents a copy. "Want a Real Job?" is the straight question in a good pamphlet on the work of present day misisonaries. Copies are free. Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37.

Yes! I can think of several ways to use those great records—"Touchdown" and "Angels in a Warehouse." If you really mean that I can get both 15-minute dramas—exactly like they were oadcast over the radio last month—both on one 33⅓ LP unbreakable ecord for only one dollar . . .

hen I want that record. Enclosed is $1.00. Send the record to—

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Mail this order blank to Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Idaho youth hold conclave

"Now Is The Hour" was theme of the 1953 Idaho Conference MYF conclave held the last weekend in September at Twin Falls, Idaho. With a sub-title of "The Emphasis is on you," the conclave centered on the Youth Emphasis program and projects for the churches of the conference.

Big item: delegates voted a new goal for the Methodist Youth Fund, three times their giving of last year.

Portland Area Bishop A. Raymond Grant told the conclave that our biggest sin is doing what we *want* to do, and not what we *ought* to do. Youth Department staff member Joseph W. Bell spoke on the Youth Emphasis and helped direct program planning. George B. Robinson of the Board of Temperance spoke on personal decisions in face of social pressures, and Leonard Hoff, recently returned LA-3, told about his experiences in a mission assignment.

Bishop Grant installed conference officers: Ned Snider, Nyssa, Ore., president; Fern Osborne, Fruitland, Idaho, vice president; Joan Goodell, Idaho Falls, secretary; Fanny Lee Harris, Pocatello, treasurer; Janice Brown, Gooding, and Ruth Herrman, Nyssa, publicity chairmen; and a full slate of program area chairmen and representatives to conference boards. Director of youth work in the conference is W. A. MacArthur of Twin Falls, and Don Nothdurft of Baker, Ore. and Paul LaRue of Murtaugh, Idaho are district directors.

MYF in action

Central Kansas hears good reports

Youth day at the Central Kansa Conference brought over 600 youth t Wichita's College Hill church Octobe 10, and all reports on the year's wor were "glowing with accomplishments." That's the word from Wichita.

The conference MYF passed it Methodist Youth Fund goal by a thous and dollars, giving $14,402.97 for th year. In addition conference youth gav $4800.77 for their Meals for Million overseas project. Summer camps ha a total attendance of 2143 youth.

A special drama, "The Spotlight l on You" opened youth day, pointin up the challenge of youth in the churc today and lifting up new projects fo the conference this year. Main project are Christian witness missions in ever local church, the Methodist Yout Fund, and an overseas project to ai Korean amputees.

Glenn Olds, chaplain of Denver Un versity, was youth day speaker, an conference MYF president Norma Simmons presided.

Kansas youth hear NCMY president

Over 1500 Methodist youth from th Kansas Conference met at Baker Un versity stadium for their annual yout day. Featured speaker was Nation

Leonard Hoff spent three years in mission service in Latin America. He shows Joe Bell and W. A. MacArthur just where. The three were speakers at the Idaho Conference MYF conclave.

nference of Methodist Youth presi-
nt Dick Thompson. Speaking on
he Greatest Show on Earth,"
ompson told the youth that "early
cuses brought together hundreds of
ople for the purpose of entertain-
nt, but youth today has a greater
rpose than to entertain or to be en-
rtained. Our purpose is to witness
r Christ and be an example of Chris-
n living in our home communities."
Clyde Martin, pre-medical student
the University of Kansas and con-
rence MYF president, presented cer-
ficates of achievement to ten church-
of the Kansas Conference that have
ne outstanding work among their
uth. A drama, "Christian Witnesses"
s enacted in the evening on an out-
or stage.

"In a day when young people are
ing attacked on every hand and de-
ared by their elders as the 'lost gen-
ation,' we witness in this large group
Christian work that can change the
urse of history," said Joyce Raye
tterson, conference director of youth
ork.

MYF observes summer Christmas

Christmas doesn't come in summer,
course, but that's no reason why a
al MYF can't have its Christmas
rty in August—or any other month
chooses.

The MYF of Seventh Street church
Temple, Texas followed a *Round-
ble* suggestion and held its Christmas
rty in August, mainly to help needy
ople overseas have a happier Christ-
as. Net result: 98 pounds of clothing
ipped abroad.

**Christmas in August
eans a better Chris-
as overseas, because
YFers collected 98
unds of clothing for
ipment abroad. David
ndefur, Mary Ann
orris and Joyce
rimes led party in
venth Street church,
mple, Texas.**

MYF Roundup

◆ Youth Emphasis weekend was the special fall event for senior and older youth at Haygood Memorial church in Atlanta, October 2-4. Planning committee met almost weekly from August through September, and many groups in the church supported the project with time and money. Conference MYF officers led "P.A. (program area) Labs"; Clarice Bowman led workshops; and Webb Garrison, assistant dean at the Candler School of Theology, was speaker on the weekend theme: "Finding God's Will for My Life and Living by It."

◆ During their youth activities week, MYFers at First church in Huntington, W. Va. adopted a "Milk for children in Korea" slogan and gave $45.77 to send 91,540 glasses of milk abroad. The Christian outreach group started the project, after reading in CONCERN MCOR's offer of 20 glasses of milk for a penny.

◆ A South American banquet was sponsored by the Tulsa, Okla., University church MYF, honoring Rev. Lawson Lee, Methodist missionary to Paysandu, Uruguay, now home on furlough. The MYF gave the banquet profit of $154 to Mr. Lee to use in equipping the youth department of the new church in Paysandu'—which is the first Protestant church building in a city of 50,000 people. Banquet decorations included replicas of the Christ of the Andes and the Christ of Mount Corvocado, both cut from plastic foam.

◆ When the summer rodeo at Olney, Texas was being planned, the MYF of Olney's Methodist church was asked to

prepare a float as the church's entry in the rodeo parade. MYFers put a replica of the church on top of a borrowed yellow and white Chevrolet, put blue and white streamers of crepe paper, tied for first place with the float from First Baptist Church.

◆ A growing MYF group in Monmouth, Iowa has met real success with its MYF Canteen. After holding an ice cream party in an abondoned restaurant, MYFers got an idea of making the restaurant into a youth canteen. Ralph Propst, owner of the building, gave space to the youth rent free, and the youth did all work in cleaning and fixing the place. Now the canteen is open Wednesday and Saturday nights—in a town with no restaurants, only taverns. Best seller in the canteen is a fruit drink called "Uncle Phil's Special" after the church's pastor, Phil Masters.

◆ Pittsburgh Conference MYF president Eva Mae Jones is the new literature promotion secretary at the Methodist Publishing House in Pittsburgh. In this work she helps local churches find materials best suited for their situations. Eva Mae has been president of her local, subdistrict, district MYFs, and now is in her second year as conference president.

Something new in beauty contests

From Ed Harrison in Jacksonville, Fla. comes word of something new: a CONCERN beauty contest. Claudia Anderson was elected Miss Jacksonville Subdistrict of 1953 at a summer meeting of the subdistrict. Each vote was a subscription to CONCERN or pro[mise] that the person already subscribed [to] CONCERN. CONCERN received 35 ne[w] subscriptions as a result of the conte[st].

Prize for the winner? A CONCER[N] subscription, of course, but since sh[e] already is a subscriber Claudia ga[ve] her subscription to the Hutto Chap[el] MYF.

Local MYF has very active summer

Even though a severe drouth slo[wed] down almost everything in Lames[a] Texas, the MYF of First church a[c]complished more in the summer mont[h] than ever before. Following a wee[k]-end planning retreat at Ceta Canyo[n] conference camp grounds, MYFers he[ld] a "Hobo Week" in which they did o[dd] jobs around town and earned ov[er] $100 for the MYF's budget.

During youth activities week [in] July, attendance averaged 55, and ma[in] emphasis was new program area o[f] ganization of the MYF. The rest [of] the summer, one week was devoted [to] each of the program areas. In ou[r] reach week youth collected 175 poun[ds] of clothing for overseas relief, ga[ve] $28.57 for Meals for Millions.

The group organized prayer cel[l] held morning watch services, sponsor[ed] a youth revival. They did visitati[on] evangelism, visited prospective and i[n]active members, visited shut-ins a[nd] studied community problems. In Ju[ne] the group pledge to the Methodi[st] Youth Fund was over $400, and $262.[50] was paid in by the end of August. A[nd] since April five youth have voluntee[red] for full time church vocations.

Intermediate fellowship of Epworth church, Arlington, Texas, has adopted a Korean orphan for a year. MYFers sell Christmas cards and home-made cookies in order to raise $10 a month for the orphan's support. With leaders of the group are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harmon, counselors, and Pastor Paul W. Wiseman (at right).

udents serve national parks

A Methodist seminary student who i never been west of the Mississippi ent last summer working as a "blis- ruster" at a camp in Yosemite tional park, so far off the beaten ths that supplies were brought in by le train.

Incidentally, "blister rusters" work eliminate gooseberry and currant shes which transmit blister rust, a ngus disease.

Curt Garrett, student at Drew Theo- ical Seminary, was one of 69 col- e and seminary students who spent summer working as truck drivers, rbage collectors, night watchmen d soda jerks, in eleven national rks. While on the job, they gave ir free time in a Christian ministry tourists.

Tentative figures show that 35,000 rsons attended 15 weekly Protestant rvices in Yosemite. In addition, 15,000 rsons worshipped in Yellowstone, 10,-) in Sequoia and Grand Canyon, 5,-) in Glacier national park. Other rks with a student Christian minis- program were Mount Rainier, Ore- n Caves, Crater Lake, Lassen Vol- nic and Mesa Verde. Students from denominations participate in the oject, sponsored by the National uncil of Churches' department of ngelism.

V or no T-V - - - at is the question

The role of television in American e is a worthy academic question, but re and more student groups across country are facing the practical ects of the problem. A Kinsey-type orter has yet to calculate a guessti- te on how many students are forced stay away from classes and school ivities because of heavy television edules.

From the University of South Da- a at Vermillion comes word that the evision epidemic has struck the Ver- lion area, and along with everyone e, the Wesley Foundation has been fronted with the question of pur- sing a set. Early this fall one of alumni wrote that he would be d to contact other alums about be-

MSM in action

ginning a T-V fund for the foundation. The Wesley Foundation cabinet polled all members for their reaction, got a solid "yes" vote for television and many offers to contribute to the cost of a set. So Bruce Syring was appointed fund raising chairman. Before football season is over this country-wide T-V talk will have moved many a campus group to action—at least until a set is bought.

A book to use, and one to talk about

If Methodist campus groups had a hit parade of current books, five books would be almost certain to lead the list this fall. Three are the study books prepared for the MSM's quadrennial conference at Lawrence, Kans. during Christmas holidays. (16 October CONCERN).

Published just in time for this school year is a book that deserves to be one of the most widely used volumes of this student generation. It is *The Student Prayerbook*, putting in handy form more than 250 prayers and litanies for personal meditation and group worship. Part one gives complete morning and evening devotions for 14 days, and other sections include "prayers on approaching the Bible," and litanies and prayers related to daily campus living, to vocations, to the church and the world. One section includes prayers for special occasions, such as retreats and grace at meals.

An interdenominational Haddam House (Association Press) committee edited the book. Order copies at $2 each from the nearest Methodist Publishing House.

And the book to talk about: *Drinking in College*, just published by Yale University Press at $4 a copy. Yale researchers interviewed students in 27 colleges across the country and found that 74% of the students interviewed said they used alcoholic beverages. About 80% of the men and 61% of the women said they drink. How much they drink is in the book, too, along with some thought-provoking definitions of various degrees of intoxication.

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